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Northwest Parking District Supply Subcommittee	Zoom Meeting February 3, 2022 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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Meeting Summary

Members in Attendance

Rick Michaelson, Chair (At-Large)
Nick Fenster, Vice Chair (NWBA)
Daniel Anderson (At-Large)
Karen Karlsson (NWDA)
Thomas Ranieri (NWBA)
Don Singer (NWBA)
Ron Walters (NWDA)

Portland Bureau of Transportation (PBOT) Staff

Rae-Leigh Stark (Northwest Parking District Liaison)
Stanley Ong (Parking Program Specialist)

Public in Attendance

None

Off-Street Demand and Feasibility Study Update

Rae-Leigh presented an update on the off-street demand and feasibility study.

- Consultant team currently working on off-street inventory and will be at April subcommittee meeting.
- Data collection will start in April.

- Policy review will look at policies from Bureau of Transportation, Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, and Bureau of Development Services.
 - Rae-Leigh is planning to meet with consultants mid-February to review the draft and will send to committee.
- 2 proformas - “generic” scenarios based off feedback given at previous meeting.

Rick asked what data will be collected in the Spring. Rae-Leigh responded that the consultants will verify that the off-street inventory is accurate and will also be looking at how the spaces are being used.

Karen asked if an off-street inventory survey already has been done since she remembers something similar in the past. Rae-Leigh said that this was done previously in 2018, and this will be an update of the previously collected data.

Rick wanted to confirm that the consultants will communicate with the committee before starting the to collect data. Rae-Leigh confirmed. Rick said that occupancy data right now may be skewed due to the pandemic. Rae-Leigh said that the committee will review the locations before the start of the data collection phase. A meeting can potentially be scheduled in March with the consultant team, but she will need to confirm.

Rick requested to see a revised schedule/timeline. Rae-Leigh will provide a copy for the committee.

Statement of Interest in Off-Street Parking at Legacy Good Sam

Rae-Leigh shared the statement of interest in off-street parking at Legacy Good Sam that will be sent to the NWDA and NWBA. The letter was created so that concerns of other neighborhood organizations can be heard and shared.

Nick asked a line in the third paragraph - “it is unknown if Legacy Good Sam is interested”. Nick asks if committee doesn’t know if they are interested, or if the committee does not know if it is possible. Is Legacy Good Sam actually interested? Should the committee ask the NWDA and NWBA about concerns if we don’t even know if Legacy Good Sam wants to offer public parking. Don said that there have been multiple attempts to reach out to Legacy Good Sam over the years. The previous parking manager had shown interest; but with turnover, the current administration’s stance is unknown. Don said that establishing contact first with the current administration is important.

Karen said that Legacy Good Sam previously wanted to complete their masterplan first before discussing public parking.

Ron said that an NWDA member had objected at an NWDA transportation committee meeting several years ago, however, he does not know if there are issues anymore.

Rick suggested changing the sentence to simply state that it is “unknown what would work for Legacy Good Sam” or “...how this would work for Legacy Good Sam”.

Ron said that the Timbers have attempted to reach out to Legacy Good Sam, but they have not been able to find the correct person/people to talk to at Legacy Good Sam. Rae-Leigh will try to identify who to talk to at Legacy Good Sam.

Ron said that the NWDA isn’t necessarily opposed to public use of Legacy Good Sam parking, but currently does not have a position on it.

Karen said that there were concerns in the past about offering parking inside the Northwest District for activities outside of Northwest. This might influence NWDA’s position still. NWBA might have a different opinion, but the committee needs to know what both of their positions are.

Ron said that if the committee wants to invite cars into the neighborhood, that the parking offered should not be the first choice for visitors. App called “SpotHero” already has Timbers/Thorns games already listed in app, though a lot of the parking listed is in Downtown. If the visitor can pay and reserve their space in an app, this would address the concern about extra vehicle circulation.

Karen said that they wouldn’t want to make an excessive amount of parking available, since the cars will then show up. However, a reservation system would reduce congestion from circling vehicles.

Ron said that it would be good to offer a reservation system year-round, not just for events. This would allow the visitor to drive straight to the parking location instead of circling for parking; and would also help ease demand for on-street parking.

Tom said that if the committee is going to send a letter to the NWBA and NWDA, it might be best to frame the Legacy Good Sam parking as a parking management tool.

Tom said that he has heard anecdotally multiple times the existing shared use lot is not consistently operating. This is part of a bigger issue with knowing who to contact at Legacy Good Sam regarding shared off-street parking. Rick recalls that Legacy Good Sam is supposed to get reports regarding usage, and asks Rae-Leigh to look further into finding who to contact at Legacy Good Sam.

Rick wants to ensure that if the committee allows the Legacy Good Sam off-street parking, that this does not bring additional cars to replace the cars that will then use Legacy Good Sam off-street parking.

Subcommittee will send comments on the Statement of Interest to Rae-Leigh by Friday. Rae-Leigh will use feedback to revise and bring to the full committee next week.

Tom has concerns about the first paragraph. Tom said that it is not directly stated that there is currently a shortage of parking. Rick suggests removing “and supports a full range of transportation options” and ending it after “NW”, since they just need to understand why the committee is writing the letter. Tom said that deleting the line is fine, but it might be an issue in the future. Rae-Leigh said that she used the wording from the mission written as part of the original committee framework.

Rae-Leigh said that the goal of creating off-street parking is listed in the objectives, and not mission.

Rae-Leigh will resend the statement today, based off the feedback already shared.

New Business

Reclaimed Parking Spaces

Rick and Karen have sent Rae-Leigh photos of intersections where some on-street parking spaces might be able to be returned. The spaces were originally removed to improve visibility. The committee can send photos of additional locations where on-street parking can possibly be returned to Rae-Leigh. She will then look into the specific locations to see if the space can be added back to the supply.

Tom suggested adding a recurring agenda item about reclaiming areas that can be used for parking spaces to future Supply Subcommittee agendas.

Parking Space Minimums and Number of Lost On-Street Parking Spaces

Nick suggested that there should be a parking minimum set for on-street parking in busy commercial areas since there is a lot of competition for the curb space – parking spaces, healthy businesses, bike corrals, etc.

Rick said that Healthy Businesses did send an inventory of approved permits. Karen reiterated that the list was inaccurate, and is missing locations. Rick requested an updated inventory of off-street spaces impacted by Healthy Businesses. Rae-Leigh said that an update is being worked on.

Rick would also like a count of spaces removed for Northwest in Motion, and what is planned to be removed in the future.

Rae-Leigh said that Parking Operations is also planning on doing their own updated space count.

Tom asks if City traffic engineers can consider the loss of parking spaces when making plans. If parking spaces get removed, then some sort of considerations should be taken.

Rick said that one of the purposes of the committee are exceptions that need to be made. If spaces get removed, maybe that should be considered as an exception.

Karen said that this goes back to the competing needs for the curb space that Nick mentioned earlier. Although the number of spaces removed for Healthy Businesses might appear low across Northwest, those spaces are all concentrated on 21st/23rd.

Rick said that the Healthy Businesses permits are impacting pedestrian improvement projects. If the loss or parking can be reduced or mitigated, it might help.

Meeting Adjourns.

PBOT Action Items

Provide an updated schedule/timeline for the Off-Street Demand and Feasibility Study.

Send revised Statement of Interest to committee next week.

Provide space count of the number of on-street spaces impacted by Northwest in Motion.